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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOULON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW, MELBOURNE.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULTEMENT,

Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4% " "

" 12 " " 5% " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

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LOCAL BRANCH DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

J. McCRATH, AUCTIONEER.

LAND AND COMMISSION AGENT.

HONGKONG.

Halphong, February 12, 1881.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Undersigned have this day commenced

Business at Hongkong as COAL MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS.

AB YON & Co.,

85, Praya Central.

Dated the 3rd day of January, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China, and Mr. ALEXANDER WASSERFALL has been authorized to SIGN the Firm per Procuration.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM WALKINSHAW has Retired from our Firm, and his Partnership and Responsibility have CEASED. The Business will be carried on as heretofore by the remaining Partners, viz: Messrs PHILIPAS RYRIE, EDWARD CAREY SMITH, and ARTHUR WELLSLEY WALKINSHAW.

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

Auctions.

NOTICE.

FORTY-FIVE TONS of NEW IRON, in Bars, Planks and Squares, will BE SOLD by Public Auction, before the Marine Commissariat Board of the Philippines, on the 24th MARCH next, at Ten o'clock a.m., in the Arsenal of Cavite.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. MENOARINI,

Consul for Spain.

Hongkong, February 26, 1881.

FOR SALE.

BY

PUBLIC AUCTION.

On 31st MARCH Next,

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), the

THREE PLOTS OF LAND,

Together with the

BUILDINGS THEREON,

Situate in the Foreign Concession at Yokohama, Japan, and

Numbered 34, 35 & 35

On the Register of British Land Renters, and now in the occupation of Messrs CORNELL & Co.

Particulars to be obtained from

W. H. TAYLOR,

Yokohama; or

RICHARD ASPINALL,

21, Mincing Lane, London.

Feb. 1, 1881.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th April, 1881.

AUCTION (if not previously disposed of by Private Contract), on board the Steamer, as she now lies in Hongkong Harbour,—

THE PADDLE-WHEEL RIVER STEAMER

"KINSHAN"

of 1,381 Reg. Tons, built in New York U.S.A., in 1883, re-built in 1873, and extensively overhauled in 1876 and 1878.

DIMENSIONS.—Length over all 244 feet. Breadth 35 ft. 10 inches. Depth of Hold 11 ft. 8 inches.

DECK AREA FOR PASSENGERS.—11,162 superficial feet.

CARGO CAPACITY.—Under tonnage deck 300 tons, on main deck 400 tons—700 tons measurement.

STEAM.—On a working pressure of steam of 20 lbs. per square inch, 12 knots per hour; on full pressure, 15 knots.

DRAFT OF WATER.—Light & 6-12 feet; loaded with 700 tons measurement 8-2-12 feet.

ENGINE.—Vertical Beam Engine, nominal H.P. 150, diameter of cylinder 56 in., length of stroke 10 feet.

BOILER.—Two Circular Return Flue and Tubular Boilers, constructed in 1873 to sustain a pressure of 40 lbs. to the square inch.

For further Particulars, apply at the Office of the HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer. Purchaser to give a guarantee that the Steamer shall not be employed in the Canton waters, nor in the Yangtze-Kiang, nor between Shanghai and Ningpo; the Vessel and Appurtenances, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 26, 1881.

For Sale.

BUSINESS IN MANILA FOR SALE.

THE Proprietor of the principal European Tailoring Establishment in MANILA, (established since 1860), and situated in one of the principal thoroughfares of Manila, wishing to retire, offers his BUSINESS FOR SALE.

Applicants will please address "A. B. C., Post Restante, Manila."

Manila, February 4, 1881.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of all of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

A. B. C. TELEGRAPH CODES.

Audley and Bowes' "Keramic Art of Japan."

Allen's "Engineer's Guide."

Townsend's "Deviation of Compass."

"Engineering Drawing."

Haswell's "Pocket Book for 1880."

Davis's "Azimuth Tables."

"Yacht Sailing."

Theophile's "Naval Architecture."

Konstanz on Dogs."

"Voice Production and Preservation."

Poe's "Complete Works."

Buck's "Oblique Bridges."

Mossman's "Japan."

"Atlas of Anatomy."

New Engineering and Nautical Works.

Mathematical Instruments.

OLIVE WOOD GOODS.—Consisting of

INKSTANDS, PAPER KNIVES, &c.

A Quantity of Excellent PIANO and

VOCAL MUSIC, 25 Cents each.

Now BIRTHDAY & EASTER CARDS.

Hongkong, February 18, 1881.

For Sale.

JUST LANDED, PER STEAMSHIP

GLENEAGLES.

LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S

SHOES (Latest Fashions), of Different

Kind.

Also, SATINES, POMPADOURS, and

FRANCE PRINTS, &c., &c.

NOORMAHOMED KHAMISA,

8 & 10, Peel Street,

Hongkong, March 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED DIRECT FROM OPORTO,

FEW CASES OLD INVALIDS'

PORT WINE

(The usual Blue Brand).

Apply to J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.,

Stanley Street,

Hongkong, February 10, 1881.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s

CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$10 per doz. Case.

Pints.....\$17 per doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,"

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH

at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE,

CLAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

To Let.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at

Moderate Rates, in First-Class

GODOWNS.

Also,

Entire GODOWNS to BE LET.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1881.

TO BE LET.

(FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, with Pos-

SESSION ON THE FIRST OF MAY A.C.)

THE HOUSE, PRAYA EAST, No. 11, at

present in the occupation of the Undersigned. Either the whole House or in

Flats.

Also,

The GROUND FLOORS OF HOUSES,

No. 2 and 3, PRAYA EAST (known as the

"Blue Houses"); Immediate possession.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1881.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS

GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE—No. 31,

WELLINGTON STREET.

ROOMS IN CLUB CHAMBERS, suitable for

Offices or Chambers.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 46,

PEEL STREET, below CAINE ROAD; posses-

sion from 1st February next.

The "BUNGALOW, No. 2, SHELLEY

STREET.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

GODOWNS TO LET.

PRAYA EAST AND WANGHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant

Policies against Fire to the extent of

\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored

therein, at current local rates, subject to a

Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

New PLAYING CARDS.

AGENTS for "LONDON AND CHINA

Express," for which Subscriptions are

Solicited.

"Men of the Time," new edition.

Geikie's "Pre-historic Europe."

"Handy Book of Villa Architecture."

St. John's "Wild Coast of Nippon."

Dr. Kerr's "New Guide to Canton."

A New STOCK OF PURSES, CARD

CASES, MONEY CASES, WRITING

CASES, and Other LEATHER GOODS.

Postage Stamp Albums.

Edkins's "Chinese Buddhism."

The NEW WESTERN STATIONERY.

New PINK PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

A large Stock of NEW

Diomed (s.) *At Glasgow.*
Glenfruin (s.)

Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The *China Review*, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the Far East generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous queries or queries), or as also those queries which though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and interesting Review. It is a sixty-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address: *China Review*, Hongkong.—*Northern China Advocate* (U.S.).

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Visitors' Column.

We have instituted an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque Troat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Polder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Lusitane Club and Library, Shelley St. Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zealand Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

General Outfitter, Hosiery, Tailor, &c.—T. N. Dunscombe, 45 and 47, Queen's Road, by special appointment to H.E. the Governor.

Chronometers, Watches, Jewellery, Maps and Charts.—G. FALCONER & Co., Queen's Road Central.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars.—MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Ammunition, and Sportsman's Requisites of all descriptions.—Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Gun-makers, Eastern House of Beaconsfield Arcade.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.

Half hour, 10s. 6d.; Hour, 20s. 6d.; Three hours, 60s. 6d.; Six hours, 70s. 6d.; Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

To VICTORIA PEAK.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, \$1.00; Three Coolies, 0.85; Two Coolies, 0.70.

Return (direct or by Pok-fuk-hum).

Four Coolies, \$1.50; Three Coolies, 1.20; Two Coolies, 1.00.

To VICTORIA GAP (NO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA PEAK).

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, \$0.60; Three Coolies, 0.50; Two Coolies, 0.40.

Return (direct or by Pok-fuk-hum).

Four Coolies, \$1.00; Three Coolies, 0.85; Two Coolies, 0.70.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than four hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip: Peak, \$0.75 each Coolie; (12 hours) Gap, \$0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, 10s. 6d.; Half day, 5s. 6d.; Day, 50s. 6d.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 tons, per Day, \$3.00.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 tons, per Day, 2.00.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 tons, per Day, 2.50.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 1.75.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 1.50.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 1.00.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 50s.

Sampan.

or Pullaway Boat, per Day, \$1.00; One Hour, 80s.; Half an Hour, 10s.

After 6 p.m., 10s. extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, 50s. 6d.; Half Day, 30s. 6d.; Three Hours, 15s. 6d.; One Hour, 5s. 6d.; Half Hour, 3s. 6d.

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised December 1st, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packages may be sent at Book Rate. Two newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona-fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 6 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying a fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N. I. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, Brazil, N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Peru, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bernice, Labuan, West all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, Chili, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route.

Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.

Post Cards, 8 cents each.

Newspapers, 10 cents.

Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Letters, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 20 cents.

Books & Patterns, 5s.

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, T. Letters, 30 cents.

Registration, None.

Newspapers, 20 cents.

Books & Patterns, 5s.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10s.; Registration, 10s.; Newspapers, 20s.; Books and Patterns, 20s.; via Suez, Letters, 25s.; Registration, 10s.; Newspapers, 20s.; Books and Patterns, 20s.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via Aden, Letters, 25s.; Registration, 10s.; Newspapers, 20s.; Books and Patterns, 5s.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery.

† There is Registration to British W. India Islands, 10 cents.

‡ Registration via San Francisco, 10 cents.

§ Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Between Hongkong, Canton, Amoy, Swatow, and other ports in the colony.

Between any two of the following ports, per 1/2 oz. of letters, 10 cents.

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Local Parcel Post.

Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Fuzhou, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs.

The postage is 20 cents per lb., which includes Registration except to Japan, &c., which country parcels are forwarded at Book Rates, Registry being optional. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Explosives, inflammable or volatile liquids, poisons, acids, corrosives, matches, indigo, dyestuffs, tea, meat, fish, game, fruit, vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the mails, or likely to be offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels may as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Canal Mail. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registration will secure the parcels against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows: Books and Papers to British Office, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns to British Office, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration require.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss occurred, and that the envelope was invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand-made bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Money Order Regulations.

1—Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them.

3—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamp, directed, and unopened envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheques, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Office closes some hours before the departure of the mail.

4—No order must exceed \$10, or \$50, or include any fraction of a penny, nor may more than two such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee, by the same mail. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the order arrives.

The commission is as follows:—

Orders on the United Kingdom. Up to £20, 18 cents.

" " £20 to £50, 30 "

" " £50 to £75, 35 "

" " £75 to £100, 40 "

Local and Intercolonial Orders. Up to \$25 or £25, 25 cents.

" \$25 or £25 to \$50 or £50, 50 "

5—Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong and Shanghai.

6—Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order is crossed (as cheques are), and it can then be paid only to the person named, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7—No order can be paid till the Payee has signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, specially for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8—If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9—No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

Made out on a printed form which is supplied gratis.

Local Orders on Shanghai are drawn at 3 per cent. premium in 24 hours.

Rate for drawing on the United Kingdom is in force at Shanghai.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at the Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked K., and those in the body of the shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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